OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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FUR-FARMING IN CANADA

One of the most sensational developements of recent times in the agricultural situation in Canada has been the rise and growth of the fox-breeding industry, particularly in Prince Edward Island,

So great has become the demand for foundation stock for the production of black and silver foxes that it commands a price of from $15,000 to $20,000 a pair although the pelts bring only $500 to $2500 each. These high prices have put the ownership of even a single pair of animals out of reach of the average farmer, and partnerships and corporations have had to be formed to carry on the business.

The success attained in the breeding of foxes has stimulated interest in the possiblity of husbanding other species of fur-bearing animals. The decreasing supply of wild animals producing fur advanced prices 100 to 300 per cent. for the various kinds of skins in the years 1892-1911 over prices in the decade 1882-1891.

COULDN'T FOOL FIDO.

"Mamma, I just now fell down stairs and hit every step all the way down!" exclaimed little Mary, who attends the Christian Science Sunday-school.

"Did you hurt yourself, dear?"

"No, mamma; I kept saying, 'Truth, truth, truth!' every step I hit, and I didn't hurt myself a bit, But I had Fido in my arms when I fell, and I think he is pretty badly hurt."

"What makes you think so, dear?"

"Why, every step we hit he yelled, 'Error, error, error!'"—Judge.

THE ONE WHO KNOWS

A young woman was going to entertain a number of her friends in rather cramped quarters in the city, and had not all the conveniences. She went to a kind friend up the street to borrow one or two necessary things.

"Is that all you want?" asked the friend.

"Yes, I think everything," said the inexperienced one.

"But you will need this, and that and the other." said the experienced woman, naming the articles.

"I was so thankful afterward," said the young hostess, "that I went to some one who knew just exactly what I needed better than I did myself and was willing to supply it."

It is almost an illustration of prayer. We go to God asking certain things. We need not be afraid we will not get all we need. Our needs are usually much more numerous than we ourselves are conscious of. But in His experienced wisdom He knows that wherefor we ought to ask even better than we do ourselves, and in the richness of His fatherly love He supplies the known and the unknown lack.—Onward.

BOYS WE LIKE

The boy who never makes fun of old age, no matter how decrepit or unfortunate or evil it may be, God's hand rests lovingly on the aged head.

Cheating is contemptible anywhere and at any age. His play should strengthen, not weaken, his character.

The boy who never calls anybody bad names, no matter what anybody calls him.

The boy who is never cruel.

The boy who never lies. Even white lies leave black spots on the character.

The boy who never makes fun of a companion because of a misfortune he could not help.

The boy whonever hesitates to say "No" when asked to do a wrong thing.

The boy who never quarrels.

The boy who never forgets that God made him to be a joyous, loving, helpful being.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

HOW THEY PROPOSE IN HOLLAND.

A curious old custom still exist in many provinces in Holland.

If a Young man is in love with a girl, and wishes to ask her hand in marriage. he goes about it in the following manner,

He buys a small, sweet cake and, wrapping it up in soft paper, proceeds to the house of his inamorata. Upon his arrival he is ushered into the midst of the family circle Without a word he walks up th the young women he wishes to make his wife, and he lays the cake on the table before her.

If she except his offer she takup the cake and eats it. Sometimes, though Dutch, she is coquettish, and tortures the young man by turning it over and playing with it before she decides to bite it, and enraptures him by eating tt to the last crumb.

If, on the other hand, she wishes to have nothing more to do with her admirer, she quickly wraps the cake in its covering and puts it back on the table.

In this case the young man takes up the cake, satisfied with his refusal and with a "Vaarvoal byzemen!" leaves the house.

The matter is then kept a profound secret by all the members of both families, and the outer world never hears of it.

If, however, the affair progresses favorably and the suitor is accepted, the father takes him to one side to ask about his business prospect and if he ean afford to take his wife for a wedding journey up the Rhine, the ideal wedding journey, of all Dutchmen. The girl, in a case of this sort does not go into society for about six weeks. At the end of that time she reappears at balls and parties, and is not thought any the less of or shunned by young men who wish to marry.—Ex.

Lost in Labrador

Dillon Wallace, author of "The Gaunt Gray Wolf," now appearing in The American Boy, vanished into the fastness of Labrador months ago. Mr. Wallace went to Labrador to place a tablet at the spot where Mr. Hubbard died from starvation. The rushing waters over-turned his canoe and sent the tablet to the bottom. But he had started to mark the spot where his friend and fellow-explorer met his death, so, undaunted by accident or hardship, he pressed on and laboriously chisseled on a nearby rock the inscripton that the tablet was to have perpetuated. The last message to come from him was written far from civilization on September Fourth. It was carrried to St. Johns and mailed by a native. Then came months of silence. Gradually came the fear he had met the fate of his friend, Leonidas Hubbard, Junior. The decision was reached to organize a relief expedition, when word arrived he was safe. It is through experiences like this Mr. Wallace is able to write his stories.

WHAT MEN SAY ABOUT CIGARETTES

"I would as soon soon try to educate a colt as a boy who smokes,"—Principal Abbott, of Oakland, Cal.

Harriman, the railroad king, says: "I would just as soon think of getting my employees out of an insane asylum as to employ cigarette users."

"No pure-minded, honest, manly. brave boy will smoke cigarettes."—Judge Ben Lindsay.

"No boy living would commence the use of cigarettes if he knew what a useless, soulless. worthless thing they would make of him."—Luther Burbank.

The star batter of the Philadelphia Athletics, "Home Run Baker," says: "I don't drink nor smoke. Never did drink or smoke. If any youngster wants advice from one who doesen't mean to preach, there it is. Leave cigarettes and tobacco in any form alone. and don't touch 'booze' now or at any time."—Young Evangelist.

Responsibility of Religious Bodies

From Address of Welcome Made by Hon. O. Max Gardner Before the Baptist State Convention, late in Session in Shelby.

This is a positive body and a tremendously constructive force, because its delegates are among the builders, the shapers, the moulders and the architects of God's great element—human character.

A great statesman has rightly said "If we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon the immortal, soul, if we imbue the soul with principals, with a just fear of God and a love of fellow-man, we engrave upon the tablets of the heart something that will brighten and burnish throughout eternity." Did you ever stop to think what a mighty power for righteousness any great protestant body of ministers represents? They are the Divine surgeons that cut from the heart of the Church and State the cancers of sin, vice, crime and misery, and upon them more than upon any other business, occupation or profession in North Carolina lies the grave yet beautiful responsibility of keeping clear, clean and unpolluted the channel of our civilization.

We gladly print the noble words of Mr. Gardner. We can never hope to "keep clear and clean and unpolluted the channel of our civilization if we banish the Bible from our system of Public Instruction.

PHOEBE

Phoebe Couzins, of St. Louis, has got her picture in the newspaper again. She says she is 73 years old, and she is applying for a federal job of some kind to head off starvation.

Years ago, Miss Couzins campaigned for Prohibition and also for woman's suffrage, and did very well at it. But in an evil hour the United States Brewers' Association dangled a hook bated with gold in front of her, and she swallowed it, with bait, hook and sinker, and a piece of the line stuck out of her mouth.

She then went out campaigning against Prohibition and against woman Suffrage. She says that the Brewers' Association promised her a pension for life if she would do the stunt.

By and by the brewers dumped Phoebe into the discard. They paid her a pension for a little while and then quit, leaving the lady stranded. She appealed to most of the prominent Dutchmen from Adolphus Busch to Kaiser Bill to help her compel the United States Brewers' Association to make good on their pension promises, but failed.

Now, at the age of 73, she finds herself discredited, abandoned and penniless. Failing in getting a pension from the brewers, she wants the federal government to pension her with a job.

It is a pitiable mess. A gifted and brilliant woman sold her birthright for a mess of pottage and got buncoed out of the pottage.

We never know when we do any little thing for Christ, in love, what the end of it will be, what a harvest of good will may come from it.

TAKING FRISKEY'S PICTURE.

Lola had a camera given her for a birthday and the whole family had to sit for a snapshot twenty times a day, until they grew tired of looking pleasant, please, and suggested that the little girl should run out doors and take some pictures. Major, the dog, was photographed as he lay in the sun on the back porch; Flufly, the cat, ran away when Lola held the queer little box near her; Molly, the cow, and Danby, the horse, when it came their turn to be "snapped," munched calmly away and never noticed Lola's queer antics at all.

"O I'll take Frisky!" said Lola as she ran down to the clump of trees where the gray squirrels lived. They were great friends, she and the squirrels, who always were glad to see visitors that were apt to have goodies in their jacket pockets,

"Now, sit up and look pleasant, Frisky," said Lola as she focussed her camera. And sure enough, up sat Frisky with his tail curled in the most graceful fashion, and his picture proved to be, as Lola said. "the best one of the whole family."

A little clock in a jeweler's window in a certain Western town stopped one day for half an hour at fifteen minutes to nine. School children, noticing the time, stopped to play; people hurrying to the train, after a look at the clock, stopped to chat a minute with one another. And all were half an hour late, because one small clock stopped

Never had these peple known how much they depended on that clock until it had led them astray.

WHAT IS A "PHILANTHROPIST?"

Few men are doing as much for social and economic betterment as Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia. He is no theorist or dreamer, in the objectionable sense of these words, but a practical business man, who has made a fortune in the manufacturing business and knows how to spend money for the best results. He has retired from active buisness and is now devoting his time and his wealth to the promotion of that system of taxation which will unburden industry and equalize opportunity. This theory of taxation is that since the community or the public creates the value which land acquires, that this land value should be resorted to for public revenue, instead of the products of individual skill or labor. His efforts, which are prompted solely by a desire to help mankind, are producing wonderful results.

Recently he received a request for his photograph to be placed in the gallery of philanthropists of the National Memorial of the United States. His reply is remarkable, coming as it does from a man who has made a fortune and is now giving away large sums each year for the good of his fellow-men.

His reply to Mr. R. E. Doan, the secretary of the National Memorial, is as follows:

"I have made no philanthropic gifts. I give nothing to charity. When I have any money to give away I give it to justice.

"I do not think it would be fair to the 'philanthropists' or to the cause with which I am identified that my picture should be in your gallery.

"The men usually called 'philanthropists,' as a rule, uphold existing injustice but give money to relieve victims of the wrongs they uphold. One conspicuous example is a man who has given enormous sums to found libraries and to abolish war I do not wish to be understood as questioning his sincerity, but it is nevertheless true that he is doing all that one man of influence can do to perpetuate the evils he is endeavoring to relieve! He has been and still is a staunch upholder of the form of robbery called 'protective tariff,' However good his intentions, the fact remains that in supporting international tariffs and in opposing free trade. he is doing more to perpetuate national hatred and jealousies than all his contributions to peace funds can begin to destroy, Besides the tariff, he upholds other predatory institutions, which impoverish the people and debar them from opportunities for education, which none of his libaries can supply.

"This man is typical of all so-called 'philanthropists.' The most prominent supporters of charitable institutions in our cities are men who bitterly oppose abolition of wrongs that create poverty. There are philanthropists who denounce employers of labor for paying low wages; who point accusingly at owners of department stores, blaming them for white slavery; who denounce owners of unsanitary tenements; who rave about political corruption and demand legislation forbiding every evil under the sun, but who will not lift a finger to help remove the fundamental cause of these evils.

"While denouncing employers who pay low wages, they shut their eyes to the fact that they themselves uphold conditions which force laborers to choose between low wages or none at all. While denouncing tenement owners they refuse to consider that taxation of industry and legal encouragement of land speculation make tenement evils inevitable. While denouncing political corruption and demanding futile prohibitory laws they uphold the wrongs which create povertry and drive men to get a living from corruption or other evils in preference to starvation or beggary.

"These philanthropists may well be described as men who give money to repair a little of the harm they have themselves helped to do or as Tolstoy has well stated; 'men willing to do anything to help the poor except to get off of their backs.'

"Identified as I am with the great movement to remove the cause of poverty, it would be a mistake to classify me with those opposing our efforts and who would apparently prefer that all the evils they decry should exist forever rather than that the cause of them should be disturbed."

RADIUM.

The recent purchase of radium mines in Colorado by Senator Dupont has brought out interesting information about the world's supply and commercial preparation of this wonderful mineral. This country now produces the greater portion of the world's supply. Mr. Dupont has purchased the principal mines not as an investment, but for the benefit of science, especially medical and chemical uses. Of the deposits and laboratory treatment "The Presbyterian Banner" says:

"In Montrose county, Col., there are ninety-one ore claims, covering about one thousand acres. controlled by the Standard Chemical Company. The mines have an output of 100 tons per month, from which is derived a yield, by a special refining process, of only one gram of radium. Think of handling 12,000 tons of raw material per year in the most elaborate manner imaginable in order to extract twelve grams of finished product, or less than the weight of a 50-cent coin. The deposits found have been thoroughly tested, writes Ernest H. Heinrichs in the Mining and Engineering Journal, and have been shown to contain a high-grade carnotite ore containing uranium, vanadium and radium. The company's "radium research" laboratory in Pittsburg, where the radium ore is taken for treatment, is one of the most unique institutions in the world. There is no other that can be compared with it either in completeness of equipment or in the scope, as well as elaborateness, of its operations. There is no other radium laboratory producing so large a quanity of this precious metal, nor is there a place where radium applications and radium effects are so thoroughly studied through all their various ramifications than here. The most modern methods of radium production are in vogue, practiced by a staff of scientific men, who have been gathered from many institutes of leaaning at home and abroad. The chief of the laboratory is Dr. Otto Brill, a graduate of the University of Vienna and a coworker of Dr. Walter Nernst, the inventor of the Nernst lamp. The product of the laboratory is used for scientific as well as for medical and therapeutic purposes. Its applications and effects are made a most minute study and experiments for new development are constantly carried on. With its large supply of ore this laboratory expects within the near future to be in a position to furnish the world with radium in large quantities.

The "gang spirit" is right enough in itself. It is capable of abuse, but its essence is the concesion of individuals the teamwork. without which no good cause can win a victory. The "gang" that works for unworthy ends often sets an example in loyal fellowship and united action which deserve the close imitation of organizations that work for the noblest ends

A WORD FROM THE ADMIRAL.

Admiral George Dewey. when complimented on his his superb health on his seventy-fifth birthday, smiled and said:

"I attribute my good condition to plenty of exercise and no banquets. We eat too much. One third of what a man eats is all he needs in order to live."

"In that case," said the Washington Star reporter, "what becomes of the other two-thirds?"

"Oh, that enables the doctor to live." Admiral Dewey replied.

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WHAT IS OUR BEST NATIONAL ASSET?

"The Manufactures Record," of Baltimore published in the issue of Dec. 11th a most suggestive article on "The South's Greatest Raw Material-

They sent out an inquiry blank to ascertain what new enterprises were being floated, and what the character of out put. Carneal and Johnson architects of Richmond Va. in replying said, "Students." They are at this time preparing new plans for the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

It is true, that our best National Asset is our out put of young men and young women, who go forth from our schools and colleges, well equipped for their life's work.

Old sliphod methods have been abandoned, in Farming, Dairying, Teaching, or, Manufacturing anything. The Roustabout who can do only little jobs, is fast losing out, and the man who cannot work intelligently, and with the best tools, has no place in the progressive busy world of to-day.

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT

The old year has passed, and we are all turning over a new clean leaf, upon which shall be written, "the things that are to be."

Looking backward, we can see where we made many an error, left undone many things which we should have done, and we realize as never before, the great neccessity for improving each shining hour. by the best service that is in us.

We should have profited by experience, and let us hope, are ready to take hold of the new work. with the resolution, that will not be satisfied with less than greatly improved results.

There are three hundred and sixty-five nights in the coming year, but there are also as many days and when we look over the past and see all that was done last year. May we not ask cheerfully "Watchman what of the night?"

There is no night of gloom to the optimistic soul that seizes each flying minute, and coins it into golden hours.

There is nothing but well earned success to the worker, who uses the best that is in him, to bring results, that shall be for the betterment of man.

Our country to-day is working out the great problem of self government for mankind, and in the light of what has been accomplished within the past year, let us take courage and look forward with a hope that can say, "the night is past, the day cometh."

AWAKENING RESPECT FOR LAW

General Grant said "the way to make a law effective was to excute it." Our fellow citizens who have been for years getting a living by vending Alcoholic Liquors, are slow to learn what is "the true meaning of Prohibition." We only want a few more fearless men like Judge Carter of Asheville who does not regard money or station, but just executes the law: to bring about a healthier State of things. Men are finding out that Prohibition does prohibit and that the people of North Carolina, meant what they said when they put it in black and white, that whisky must go.

We were in Statesville last Wednesday, on the eve of Christmas, and this town once was known as a whisky town, for whisky was largely made and sold here. The town was full of people from several counties, and we did not see a drunken man, or a man whose breath indicated, that he had found a blind tiger.

Statesville is now about the best town of its size in the State to raise children, for it has fewer temptations, and more examples of good living, than most towns.

Yes there is an awakening respect for law, all over our State.

THE ULSTER PROTEST

Dr. W. W. Moore's account of the Ulster protest is good reading The Protestant world is interested in the great question involved in this Irish Home Rule business. The establishment of Home Rule for Ireland means putting Ireland practically under the rule of the Pope. Is England ready for that?

ON THE THRESHOLD

Man for his own convenience in reckoning, has divided time into seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks' years.

During the year 1913 we have been busy with hand and brain in many of the avocations that yield results to man.

Our farmer boys have turned the sod, seeded the grain, garnered the crops. Our milk boys have fed and milked the cattle and supplied our table with milk and butter. Our truck patches have yielded an abundance for table use in fresh and wholesome vegetables. Our printer boys have sent out their message each week to the churches, and furnished our office with all needed stationary.

Our girls have also had a busy year. The sewing room has done its share of work.

The laundry has been a continuous hive of industry throughout the year.

Our kitchen and dining room groups have worked faithfully, and some of the bread makers have made much progress in the art of baking a tempting roll or biscuit. The cleaning up boys have (as a rule) kept a pretty tidy campus, and as we survey the year we can see improvement along many lines.

During the year a memorable Equipment Campaign has been successfully conducted and over 60.000 has been secured for the further Equipment of the home.

The new cow barn has been completed and with the exception of the electric lights, the plant is a very complete one.

And now we stand on the threshold of greater things. The year ninteen fourteen is the beginning of great changes at Barium. Plans are to be made, the funds secured by the labors of Rev. R. Murphy Williams, are to allotted to the different improvements in contemplation, A building Committe will get busy and the great work of further equipment will begin in earnest.

It is a year of great beginnings, and of great opportunities for Barium Springs, and a time that demands the united efforts of the whole working force here, as well as in the churches.

A pull all together is what is needed at a time like this.

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROVIDED FOR

"Good wife, what are you singing for?
You know we've lost the hay,
And what we'll do with horse and kye is more than I can say;
While like as not, with storm and rain, we'll loose both corn and wheat."
She looked up with a pleasant face, and answered low and sweet:-
"There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."
He turned around with sudden gloom.
She said: "Love be at rest
You cut the grass, worked soon and late. you did your very best;
That was your work, and you've naught at all to do with wind and rain;
And do not doubt but you will reap rich, fields of golden grain;
For there's a Heart, and there's a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."
"That's like a woman's reasoning—we must, because we must."
She softly said: "I reason not; I only work and trust;
The harvest may redeem the day—keep heart what'er betide;
When one door shuts, I've always seen another open wide.
There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."
He kissed the calm and trustful face; gone was his restless pain;
She heard him with a cheerful step, go whistling down the lane,
And went about her household tasks full of a glad content,
Singing to time her busy hands as to and fro she went:
"There is a Heart, there is a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."
Days come and go—twas Christmas tide, and the grate fire burned clear,
The farmer said: "Dear wife, it's been a good and happy year;
The fruit was gain, the surplus corn has bought the hay, you know."
She lifted up her smiling face, and said: "I told you so!
For there's a Heart and there's a Hand, we feel, but cannot see;
We've always been provided for, and we shall always be."—Ex.

By passing their examinations creditably. eleven young men rose last month from the ranks of the regular army to lieutenancies. Some of them made the step directly from the grade of private, a gulf that is impassable in most standing armies of the world. But there is no reason to believe that this wholesome leaven of democracy is other than helpful to the discipline and efficiency of our army.

WHAT A SMALL BOY CAN DO

Karl A. Adams, a ten-year-old lad of Auburn, New York, sends this account of how he made a robin happy:

"One morning, as I was coming out to see the flowers, I heard a flutter in a cherry-tree

I looked up and there I saw a robin that was caught by a string and had his legs tied to a limb so that he could not get away. I quickly saw that if he stayed there much longer he would die, so I got a limb clipper and cut the limb off. He was a full-grown robin and very handsome.

I soon had his legs untied and he went singing merrily away."

MEN AND THINGS.

It is hard to part with useful men who have filled an honored place in life, and left behind them a character for uprightness and well doing.

Hon. W. T. Crawford was such a man, and his passing leaves a void in the mountain section of our State where he was much beloved and trusted.

"Weed well his grave ye men of goodness, for he was your fellow."

WORKING HOURS OF BIRDS

"Our hours," said a nature students. "are nothing to the birds'. Why, some birds work in the summer nineteen hours a day. Indefatigably they clear the crops of insects.

"The thrush gets up at half-past 2 every summer morning. He rolls up his sleeves and falls to work at once, and he never stops until half-past 9 at night. A clean nineteen hours. During that time he feeds his voracious young 206 times.

"The blackbird starts work at the same hour as the thrush, but he lays off earlier. His whistle blows at half-past 7, and during his seven-hour day he sets about one hundred meals before his kiddies.

"The titmouse is up and about at 3 in the morning, and his stopping time is 9 at night. A fast worker, the titmouse is said to feed his young 417 meals—meals of caterpiller mainly—in the long, hot day.—" From Onwar

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HOME HAPPENINGS

O'd Dock and our one horse wagon has been kept busy during the holidays (just before and during christmas week) hauling from the Station, wagon loads of things for the children, and for the Home.

The following Donations have been received.

1 quilt from Ladies of Cleveland Church.
1 blanket from Mrs. W. A. Hart Tarboro N. C.
1 coat from W. S. Hay Cornelius N. C.
1 sack corn meal from Bible Class Burlington ch.
1 box of Gingham from Home workers of Spray Ch.
1 box of bed linen, towels, quilts etc from the Ladies at Wallace Ch.
1 box of canned fruit and jelly from 1st Church Greensboro.
2 quilts from Ladies Aid Society Siloam Ch.
1 Dozen pr Hose Mrs. T. M. Sharpe's Class Bethesda Ch.
1 Piece of Domestic from NaKomic Mills Lexington N. C.
Fourteen quarts fruit from Robertson Grocery Co. Salisbury.
1 box toys from Mrs. Fanning Durham N. C.
75 pounds Flour, 1 Bushel apples, 4 quarts fruit from Asbury Church Mt Airey.
1 box Bed linen, books and cloth from Mrs. W. T. Clark Wilson N. C.
I box of Gifts from Lucy Chadbourn Society Wilmington N. C.
1 bushel apples, 7 yds cloth, 50 pounds of flour, from J. H. Wilkins Bessimer City.
1 box toys and filled stockings from Ladies Society Durham N, C.
2 quilts the giver unknown.
2 large boxes from Santa Claus sent from Raleigh N. C.
27 quarts Fruit 2 quilts, and Groceries from Harrisburg Church Concord.
2 quilts 1 sofa pillow from Mrs, D. G. Calder Gharlotte N, C.
1 box Santa Claus Tarboro Church,
35 cakes from Laurinburg Church.
3 Crates oranges Ladies M. Society Greensboro.
1 bushel apples 30 cakes from Ladies and S. S. Children, Hickory Ch.
32 cakes from Ladies of Graham Church.
1 box of Gifts from Mrs. W. W, Green Tarboro.
2 sacks Flour from John P. Huges.
1 Box of gifts from McCullen School.
2 Boxes of gifts from 1st Church Salisbury.
4 Cakes. and Groceries and oranges from the Mocksville Church.
32 chickens from the Kanapolis Church.
1 Box nuts 1box Rasins, 1 box evaporated fruit from Friends in Wilmington N. C.
Wilmington 1st Church 1 bucket candy 1 box raisins 1 box nuts.
Lumberton Church. 1 hf bushel apple 1 hf bushel oranges
Lexington Sunday School. 3 pecks oranges 1 peck apples.
1 box containing ginghams. Unknown.

We try to keep an accurate account of all the gifts that come to us from our generous friends at this season. But we wish to say, that, while receiving so many gifts we are liable to miss acknowledging some, and if we do, just drop us a line, stating what was sent and we will gladly put you on the list-

We have never had a more liberal manifestation of interest in the home, and our hearts are very grateful.

Mr. Clyde L. Rudy who has been our "true yoke fellow" in the work on "Our Fatherless Ones," for nearly two years, has engaged with the Highlander at Shelby N. C., and is leaving old Barium to take up his work in a new field. We shall miss our friend and fellow worker more than we can say, but our prayers and best wishes go with him, and may he have a success, that shows best results, in faithful service to God, and to the press of the State.

Mr. Rudy has ambition and pluck enough to win, and the Highlander has already a wide circulation and offers an inviting field.

May God bless our friend.

Mrs, Williams our dining room matron has gone on a visit to friends in Hickory N. C. we hope she will have a happy and restful time.

Rev. Ovid Pullen dropped in on us for a little visit last Tuesday night, he is always welcome.

The holidays are nearly over, and soon school will begin again, The rabbits will have a rest, and the dogs will be disconsolate. because their playfelllows are too busy to hunt.

Miss Annie C. Dalrymple of Jonesboro has been spending the Holidays with her sister at Lees Cottage.

With our faithful worker David Stanley as foreman and Loy Hartsell and Carl Parks, aged 10 and 11 years, we are getting out our New Years paper. Who say's our boys cannot do things?

Miss McAlister has gone to Lenoir for a visit to her friends there. We know she will enjoy the visit and the rest.

Miss Miller returned on Wednesday morning from a very enjoyable visit to her home in Mooresville.

Mr. Sloan our Dairyman is leaving us this week, and carries with him our best wishes,

We have another cold snap, and the wood saw is singing a cheerful song.

"The snow, the snow, the fleecy snow"' is falling, and the clouds look like they are full enough for a good supply.

The children are happy over even a prospect of snow, one little fellow we saw at Synods Cottage trying to catch a handful as the flakes fell.

We are having pleasant visits from some of our old girls. May Lowe who is teaching now, has been giving us her sunshiny presence for a few days.

Lillian and Eva McKinney also spent a few days with us. We certainly enjoy a sight of the girls. who have gone away, for it carries us back to old times.

We were glad to greet another old girl; on Wednesday morning. Mellisa Warlick, who comes to visit us, Melissa always brings sunshine never mind how dark the day.

Ruth Howie a sister of Sam and Robert Howie, had a pleasant visit to her brothers at the home: returning Wednesday.

How Paley Was Saved.

The importance of a "word in season" was never more strikingly shown than in an incident in the life of Willam Paley, the great theologian.

When he entered Cambridge University, his one ambition was to obtain the honors of scholorship, and he took high rank in his class. But falling into bad habits, he gave up everything for the pleasures of dissipation. After one of his carousals, a companion suddenly exclaimed, "Paley it is a disgrace to waste such talents as you have. I am no account but I'm ashamed to have a hand in squandering such gifts as yours, as I shall cut your acquaintance if you dont stop!"

"Paley did stop; he turned right about, regained his position at the head of his class, and after graduation became one of the great men of his time.

THE FINGER OF GOD.

At one time when John Westley was traveling in Ireland, his carriage became stuck in the mire, and the harness broke. While he and his companions were laboring to extricate it, a poor man passed by in evident distress.

Mr. Westley called to him and askedwhatwas wrong. He said that he could not pay his rent of twenty shillings, and that his family were tobe turned outdoors "Is that all you need?" said Mr. Wesley, as he gave him the money. "Here, go and be happy." Then turning to his companion, he said, pleasantly, "You see now why our carriage stopped here in the mud."

SUPPOSE IT WERE YOU.

Here is a true story. Mr. C–lives in the town of A–next door to a family in which there is a case of typhoid fever, This family has no sewer connections and until recently made no pretense toward having any toilet conveniences.

What did they do? Mr. C–says they throw their wash water from baby's laundry and other sewage out the back window. C. –complained to the mayor. This august personage required the typhoid ridden family to install a toilet. Enough was done to satisfy the mandates of the mayor, but no more.

Now, according to C–the toilet is rarely used and substantially the same conditions and practices prevail as before. The mayor has been appealed to, but in vain. No health department is known to exist. It is a small town depending for its health work upon the County Board of Health. This Board does practically no health work.

Mr. C,–is an intelligent man. He knows that typhoid can be carried from this filth by flies, or by means of water to others in the community, but he can get no relief from the health authorites. He has already sent his wife and family away for a few weeks. He shows a wholesome fear of typhoid. He knows what it means and as further evidence of his sincerity he is offering his piece of property for slightly less than two thirds of what it cost him a few years ago, entirely because neither the town nor county does any health work. Suppose you lived in this town and had no protection from such neighbors, would you favor some vigorous health work or not?

If we lived in such a town something would be done, or we would speedily move out. Life is too short to have such neighbors.

It is certain that either wise bearing or ignorant carriage is caught, as men take diseases, one of another; therefore, let men take heed of their company. —Shakespeare.

A RUNAWAY CHRISTMAS

"It's a pretty big tree for just two people, isn't it, father?"

"It is, Peggy. I wish that there were more of us. But we'll have a good time together, won't we?"

Mr. Brown smiled cheerily as he tucked the sleigh robes closer about Peggy. It was the day before Christmas, and he and Peggy were doing their belated shopping, for Mr. Brown had just returned from the West. The sleigh was piled high with packages of all sorts, there was a hamper full of good things for the Christmas dinner, and on top of it all was tied the big Christmas tree.

"Now for home!" said Mr. Brown, when the shopping was done. He jumped in beside Peggy, and picked up the reins. Gypsy started off at a smart pace the sleigh-bells jingled, and the keen wind brought the roses to Peggy's cheeks, but her eyes were still sober.

Suddenly, as the sleigh whirled round a corner, a flying snowball hit Gypsy on the flank. What happened next Peggy did not know, for she was thrown out into a nest of soft fur robes. She lay quite still, too confused and frightened to move.

"Are you hurt, little girl?"

Peggy raised her head and looked about her. The sleigh had struck the front of a shabby-looking house that stood close to the street. The big Christmas tree had been thrown against one of the windows, and had broken it. At another window several children peered forth curiously. A little girl about Peggy's age stood at the open door. She smiled in a friendly way at Peggy.

"The horse has run away," she said. "The man has gone after him. Are you hurt?"

"Oh, no!" said Peggy. But we've broken your window. I'm sorry."

"It doesn't matter. Tim can fix it."

"Is Tim your brother? Are all those children in the window your brothers and sisters?"

"Yes there are five of us. Won't you come in? Mother would like to see you, I know. My name is Maggie."

A half-hour later, when Mr. Brown returned with Gypsy, he found Peggy surrounded by her new friends. She was having a very good time.

As soon as Peggy saw her father she ran to him, and whispered an eager request.

Mr. Brown gave a quick glance about the room.

"The tree is yours, Peggy," he said. "Do as you like with it, I must go now and see if I can get some one to mend the window for you and the sleigh for me."

With the help of Tim and Tam, Maggie's twin brothers, the tree was pulled in through the window. and placed in the corner. Then they began to decorate it. Such a merry time as they had with the bright tinsel and shining balls! Little Katie put the candlesticks on upside down; baby Ted chewed them bebause he thought they were candy; Tim and Tam climbed chairs and tables, and put the decorations just where they did not belong; and busy Maggie was everywhere at once, helping correcting. and advising, like the good little sister that she was. Peggy thought that she had never kuown such a dear, delightful family.

When Mr. Brown returned, his arms were full of mysterious packages, which he hid under the tree. A full hamper, too, had somehow found its way to the kitchen table,

The children's mother tried ta speak her thanks, but Mr. Brown would not listeu "You have been very kind to my little daughter," he said. "We both thank you. Come, Peggy, we must go A merry Christmas to you all!"

When they were once more started on their way home, Peggy snuggled close to her father's side and squeezed his hand.

"I've had such a good time!" she said. "I think a runaway Christmas is the very best kind of all."

Teacher Vs. Elevator Boy

A recent report to the National Education Association says that it is reported that the elevator boy in the city hall of Atlanta gets a better salary than the establish wage of one of the school grades. The State Journal recently asserted its belief that there were useless, or next to useless, public officials in every country in North Carolina who received from two to ten times the wages of the rural school teacher for not half the work. When are we going to make a move to re-adjust some things to a better basis?

An old Engligh woman, who was extremely stout, was making vain efforts to enter the rear door of an omnibus. The driver leaned over good-naturedly and cried:

'Try sideways, mother, try sideways!',

The old womon looked up breathlessly, and replied:

"Why, bless ye, James, I ain't got no sideways!"—Selected.

Not a sound could be heard in the court-room. The prisoner had just been condemned to death.

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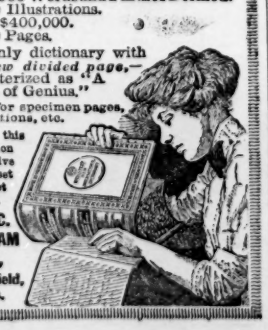

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THE PROTEST OF ULSTER

The Liberal Party in Great Britain has undertaken to sacrifice the rights of the the Protestants of of Ireland as the price of Nationalist votes in the House of Commons. In order to conciliate the Nationalists, without whose support it cannot continue in control of the government, it has agreed to establish a separate parliament at Dublin, seventy-five per cent of the members of which would be Roman Catholics, and has for some months been pushing a Home Rule bill through the Imperial Parliament with that end in view. The Protestants of Ireland, who constitute one-fourth of the population, but produce two-thirds of the revenue of the country, not only view with horror this proposal to place their commercial prosperity and future development in the hands of men who have never shown any business capacity and who have kept the Roman Catholic parts of Ireland in poverty and degradation, but they are still more deeply moved at the prospect of losing through a priest-ruled parliament the civil and religious freedom for which their fathers fought and died at Derry, Enniskillen and the Boyne. They have made a passionate protest against this base betrayal of the Irish Protestants and have appealed to their brethren in Great Britain to stand by them in the hour of their peril and help them to defeat this conspiracy to dismember the empire and to place all Ireland under the iron heel of the papacy.

Moreover they have solemnly declared that come what will they will not be forced out of the community of the United Kingdom, and have pledged themselves never to submit to the domination of a parliament sitting in Dublin. On the 28th of September, 1912, after ten days of great meetings in the various towns throughout the province, "Ulster Day" was celebrated in Belfast, and the people registered their solemn vow to resist the conspiracy which aims to deprive them of their birthright.

They regard the union as the only protection for their civil and religious liberty, the mainspring of their industrial prosperity, and the cornerstone of the great Imperial fabric. Never before was there such a universal display of Union Jacks and loyal emblems. The houses and streets were ablaze with them. With that exception the city had the appearance of a Sabbath day. Stores were closed, business was suspended and religious services where held in the Protestant churches of all denominations.

In the City Hall more than 80,000 people signed the following covenant:

The Ulster Covenant

Being convinced in our consciences that Home Rule would be disastrous to the material well-being of Ulster as well as of the whole of Ireland, subversive of our civil and religious freedom, destructive of our citizenship, and perilous to the unity of the Empire.

We, whose names are underwritten, men of Ulster, loyal subjects of His Gracious Majesty King George V., humbly relying on the God whom our fathers in days of stress and trial confidently trusted, do hereby pledge ourselves in Solemn Covenant throughout this our time of threatened calamaity to stand to one another in defending for ourselves and our children our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom, and in using all means which may be found nessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a Home Rule Parliament in Ireland.

And in the event of such a Parliament being forced upon us, we further solemnly and mutually plege ourselves to refuse to recognize its authority.

In sure confidence that God will defend the right, we here-to subscribe our names, and further, we individually declare that we have not already signed this covenant.

The Women's Pledge.

We, whose names are underwritten, women of Ulster, and loyal subjects of our Gracious King, being firmly persuaded that Home Rule would be disastrous to our country, desire to associate ourselves witn the men of Ulster in their uncompromising opposition to the Home Rule bill now before Parliament, whereby it is proposed to drive Ulster out of her cherished place in the Constitution of the United Kingdom and to place her under the domination and control of a parliament in Ireland.

Praying that from this calamity God will save Ireland, we hereto subscribe our names.

Among the signers were Sir Edward Carson, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Church of England Bishop of Down, the Dean of Belfast, the President of the Methodist Conference, the Chairman of the Congregational Union, Lord Charles Beresford, Right Honorable Thomas Sinclair, Viscount Castlereagh, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, and various members of the Imperial Parliament. Messages of sympathy were received from ex-Prime Minister Arthur J. Balfour, Right Honorable Bonar Law, the Conservative Leader of the House of Commons, the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Duke of Abercorn, Right Honorable Austen Chamberlain; and others.

It is believed that American protestants of every denomination will sympathize deeply with our brethren in Ireland in the crisis confronting them, will remember them in their prayers, and will watch with intense interest the progress of their struggle.

SANTA CLAUS IN CHAREOTTE.

Yes the old fellow seems to be all over Charlotte and the shops are gay in their holiday greens. We paid a visit to the big department store of Belk Brothers and they have a wonderful toy-land in their lowest story that has been dressed in Christmas garb, and old Santa has full charge, with everything in the way of a toy to please girl or boy.

This beautiful place is brightly illuminated and is thronged with visitors all day long.

The little jewelry store of C. S. Elam on Tryon Street was a surprise. The display is beautiful, and in the basement there is an assemblage of pretty things, that old Santa has left there that just tempts the money out of your pocket before you know it.

There were no more attractive places than the clothing stores. Our friends Tate Brown Company, Ed Mellon and Company and Gibson Woolley Company, Seems to be running a race, to see who shall display the handsomest suits, dressing coats, and other parts of a gentleman's rig; in these prosperous holiday times.

The shriners took possession of Charlotte on Thursday night and Friday. The Red Fez, was every where and their parade Friday night was under the glare of torches and plenty of red fire. We under stand that they had while in session "plenty of fresh meat" and a very merry time, and that they contemplate, building a temple in Charlotte that will cost something like $75.000.

Every where we saw evidences of the approach of the holidays and the shops are looking for a big trade, which we hope they may all have.

The average goose is thought to be a very stupid creature, but perhaps that is so because geese never had the chance of going to school. Just think how very stupid you boys and girls would be if you were never taught how to do your lessons! There are some geese that have been taught to do things, however, they do things in a very clever way, so that makes me think that if every goose had the chance of going to school, no one would ever call them stupid any more.

Just to show you how clever a goose can be if it is taught in the right way, I will tell you a story about a goose that went to school. It was not exactly the kind of school that you boys and girls attend, but it was school for all that, for it was the way in which the goose pupil had been taught to do something useful.

This particular goose lived in France and every sabbath, when an old blind woman wanted to go to church, the goose had been taught to take hold of her dress in his beak and pull her gently along the road to the door of the church. Then, when the old woman was inside, the goose pupil spent his time strolling about the churchyard. But when the service was over, he was always waiting at the door until the blind woman came to be taken to her home.

Once a gentleman said to the old woman's daughter, "Aren't you afraid to let your mother came alone?" "Oh, no sir," said the daughter; "we are not afraid. as this sensible goose goes with her.—Christihn Work.

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